From: Lisa Ostrove <<u>mostrove@nyc.rr.com</u>> Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2017 10:19:05 AM

To: Bachman, Melanie; towncouncil@newmilford.org **Subject:** Deny Candlewood Solar's Petition 1312

Dear Ms. Bachman,

It is beyond comprehension how the state and siting council would allow this project to go through, spoiling our natural environment by approving the plan to cut down the forest, including over approximately 15,000 trees in the process. We love the natural beauty of the area and it is the reason we bought our property over 15 years ago. It is such a wonderful place and we cannot understand why the site of this solar facility cannot be redirected towards an area that would not entail deforestation, such as the Century Brass site or brown fields as catalogued in the new DEEP website.

We are hopeful and confident that the siting council will deny this application and protect the environment of this unique and special area. We understand the need for renewable energy and the challenges and peril the world faces with the dangers of climate change. But it is counterproductive to wipe out such a large swath of forrest which is essential to mitigating the worst effects of this worsening climate change challenge.

I thank for your time and consideration and I speak for my entire family as I implore you to deny this petition. Sincerely,

Michael Ostrove and Family